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SPECIAL TO THE DAILY BRITISH COLONIST.

LAST NIGHT'S DESPATCHES.

Europe.

LONDON, May 3.—It is said to-day that Disraeli tendered his resignation yesterday, but it was not accepted.
LONDON, May 1.—The Cabinet crisis monopolizes public attention. It is thought if the measures which are in effect approved by both parties are not opposed by the Liberals, the present Cabinet will not resign or dissolve Parliament until an appeal can be made to a new constituency.
The Times to-day editorially recommends this course. The journals all comment on a vote on Gladstone's resolution.
The Times says no one can deny the great significance of the event since the motion to go into Committee. The Times have gained three seats in the House of Commons, yet the 60 majority has grown to 66. The dissolution is talked of merely to frighten the members.
New York, April 29.—A battle took place on the 14th of April, between the Cretans and Turks, which lasted all day. The battle field was near Aporicorona. The insurgents claim the victory. The Turks are said to have committed great outrages.

Eastern States.

New York, May 2.—The Herald says it is believed if the President be removed the members of the Cabinet will refuse to quit on the ground that the acting President had no right to remove them.
The Tribune's Atlanta special says, the Republicans have made a clean sweep, elected Governor, ratified Constitution and have a majority in both Houses.
Richmond, May 2.—Jefferson Davis' bail bond was renewed to-day, binding the accused to appear on such day next term as the Court shall fix. Chief Justice Chase promises to be in Richmond to preside within two days after the conclusion of the impeachment trial. It is thought the trial will commence on the last of May.

California.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 4.—Arrived, steamer John L. Stephens from Portland; brig Tanner, 10 days from Seabeck.
SAN FRANCISCO, May 3.—Sailed, steamer Continental last evening for Portland.

Europe.

The Herald says the House of Commons by a vote the importance of which cannot be denied, affirms that it is just that the Church should be disestablished, but the House does not speak the voice of the country, as the late elections show.
The Daily News says it is satisfactory to find that the premier disclaims any design of advising the Queen to act against the vote of the House of Commons. His duty is not to dissolve Parliament or to resign, but to aid the progress of its resolves.
The Standard deprecates a vote of want of confidence as compelling dissolution, but fears the Liberals intend to pursue that course.

LONDON, May 1.—Evening.—Belief has become general that after passage of the Reform Bill for Ireland and Scotland the Ministry will dissolve Parliament and appeal to the people on the Irish Church question. The Globe in an editorial confirms this opinion.
CORK, May 1.—By an order from the Lord Lieutenant; Mahoney, Fenian head centre and several other Fenians, have been released from custody.

Eastern States.

New York, May 4.—The Herald says a Hong Kong letter, dated February 26th, says Prussia is negotiating for the cession of the island of Cuba to Germany, which will thus place the Confederacy in command of the great highway to China and Japan.
In the impeachment trial Stansbury concluded his argument for the President.

California.

RENO, May 4.—The track and telegraph was laid to this place at 12 o'clock to-day, making 45 miles of track in operation east of the Sierras, this place having been selected by the railroad company as the permanent location of Virginia City junction. The construction of depot buildings will commence immediately. Passengers and freight will be landed here to-morrow. The site is unsurpassed, being at the lake crossing of the Truckee and the head of a seven mile tangent. The sale of town lots takes place on Saturday, May 9th. Owing to the difficulty of transporting material from Circle, Colonel Trainor has at present but a small force on. After the connection is made across the summit iron will be laid at a rate of speed unparalleled in the history of railroads.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 5.—Steamer Nevada sailed for Panama with a full load of passengers.
Overland telegraph line not in working order.
Legal Tenders 7 1/4 @ 72.
Flour, superfine hf sks, \$6 25 @ \$6 50; qr sks \$6 50 @ \$6 75; Extra hf sks \$7 @ \$7 25; qr sks \$7 25 @ \$7 50.
Wheat, 1500 sks good milling at \$2 25; do. sks choice, \$2 35; market dull.
Barley, 2000 sks, \$1 37 1/2; market quiet at \$1 40 @ \$1 50.
Oats continue dull at \$2 25 @ \$2 55.
Arrived, bark Gem of the Ocean, from Port Blakely; bark Zephyr, from Burrard Inlet via Victoria.
Cleared, bark Vidette, Port Orford.

British Columbia in Europe.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

LONDON, March 15th, 1868.

I fear the duties of "our own" correspondent have become nearly as much of a sinecure as the tax collector or the auctioneer of real estate is at present in Victoria. However, when one runs against Victorians at every corner, and old families open their doors and look in, to tell you that Victoria has sent a colony to beighted England, that so and so is here, and Tom this and Bill that is "ranching it" only round the corner, in fact, to use an elegant Pacificist, that this little village of London is "alive with Vancouverites" "your own" gets conscience-stricken and occupies this wet Sunday (the better day the better deed) in inditing these few lines about British Columbia in Europe.

WADDINGTON SPEAKS A PIECE.

Monday night, March 9th, in the year of grace 1868, was a great night with British Columbia in Europe. "Waddy" came out strong on the Bute Inlet overland route at the Royal Geographical Society, Sir Rodrick Murehison, President, in the chair. Of course you will see in the papers what the old gentleman said, if you do not guess pretty roughly already. It was a good paper—emphatically a good paper—but unconsciously long and the after talk a little out of place. He ought to have left his friends to speak for him instead of damning the opposition route, which led "Murehison rather to put him a little down as no politician, and no 'promotion' of companies is allowed in the Society. However, he said his say; he spoke his piece, and the old gentleman is pretty well satisfied. Captain Richards spoke for Fraser River, which it is unnecessary to say A. W. did not, and Dr Rao and Mr Dallas also said something. The one spoke against the navigability of the Upper Fraser above Fort George and the other that the Saskatchewan is shoaling. Waddy is making very merry over the drying up of American rivers at the beak of the H B Co. But the worst of the thing is that some people believe it. Dr Osheille also spoke. There was one of the biggest houses I ever saw in the large room of Burlington House. I daresay there were five or six hundred of the elite of London, male and female. None but Fellows and their wives, friends (and we suppose sweethearts of Fellows, to the number of two each, can get admitted, and evening dresses and opera cloaks were everywhere apparent. From the numbers which Dr Brown, Mr G H Wilson Brown, and other Fellows of the Royal Geographical Society were continually escorting in we rather suspect that the law was, at least for the nonce, a dead letter in favor of these gentlemen, and that Waddington's audience profited by it. Going into the anteroom of the Royal Society's Hall, were it not for the portraits of Sir Isaac Newton and that most Christian of monarchs Charles the II, which being cheek by jowl, you might suppose yourself strolling into Ben Griffin's to take the meridian "r veraperial 'Buster." There is, however, no harm in saying that in addition to the gentlemen mentioned we 'spotted' Messrs Birch, Southgate, Selim Franklin, Edwin J Nesbitt, Gardiner, Frederick Whymper (the artist of the V I Exploring Expedition and of the Telegraph Company) Arthur Fellows, Ashdown Green and Oakley (the proverbial engineering feuds in V I are forgotten in Piccadilly) Franks, &c., besides many others interested in the Colony, such as Mr Pearce (of Wheatley, Pearce & Co.) brother of the late Surveyor General, Messrs Tunstall and Boston, of Tunstall & Turner, and Mr Durham, of Findlay & Durham. Sir Harry Verney, Bart. M P, was also there, and we believe intends bringing the subject up in Parliament. He is one of the oldest members in the House and a fast friend of British of British Columbia.

COLONIAL SECRETARY BIRCH

is vegetating in the West India Department of the Colonial Office, and has no intention of returning to British Columbia but as Governor, for which position he is an aspirant. A word to the wise is sufficient, Victoria, look out!

SIR ARTHUR KENNEDY

is off to the West Coast as Governor. It takes about three governors to work that interesting dependency of England—one dead, one acting, and a third on his way out. Capt. Torry Cooper, late of San Juan, has gone out as Collector of Customs to Lagos, in the same delightful region. We trust he may like it. His duties in taking the Queen's tribute on elephants' tusks and surreptitious niggers, palm oil, butter and pome wine, will not be onerous, and he may pass a few days in the old buccannery's lay.

MR GEORGE H WILSON BROWN

is still in "waites arranging about the disposal of his estate, which has delayed him long beyond the time he expected; but circumstances have recently turned up which may prevent his being out for a long time. He talks of going to Rio de Janeiro about a little business which has turned up there.

MR G M SPROAT

is a prosperous merchant of the city of London, and has just made his debut in scientific literature by the publication of his "Sciences and Studies of Savage Life," a 7s and 6d book, published by Smith, Elder & Co. It is an excellent account of the Indians of the western shores of Vancouver Island, from San Juan, Laughton's headquarters, to Woody Point; he limits the descriptions to this district, leaving the Indians of the east and the mainland—to the tender mercies of Dr R Brown, who has been for some time engaged on their mythology and history. Sproat's book is dedicated to Lieutenant (now Commander) E H Verney, R N, whom you may have heard tell of before. Verney is at Malta, "out of a place," as most naval commanders are for a year or two after promotion, and you may hear of him in Parliament soon enough. There are men in this same England much further off from the august assembly in Westminster Palace than this same G M Sproat—verb sap. "My Lords" of the Admiralty have done his book the unexpected and somewhat lucrative honor of ordering it to be supplied as "ships stores" to all vessels on the Pacific station. Talking of DR BROWN,

Who still insists on being called a Nor'wester,

he is back again to Britain after a long expedition, since you last saw him at Victoria, to Greenland, Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Germany, and the deuce knows where, and if one may judge from the accumulating files of papers on his table and the lessening pile of specimens and note books, he has not been idle. He has been so busy that he has not had much time in the interval of gathering new stock to write from. He has written or has in the press several scientific papers and a fine new map of the interior of Vancouver Island with a descriptive memoir just being edited into German by his friend Baron von Petermann, of Gotha, the great German geographer; it will be ready shortly. Why he is publishing it in Dutch is hard to say. We expect the fact of it is he is writing to spread the name of Brown a little wider in Teuton land, and thinks that these who are anxious to gain by it are welcome to translate it. Captain Richards and he exhibited a map in the Paris Exhibition—Brown's interior explorations and Capt Richards' coast line. He thinks of looking over your way soon—you can generally pick up all Northwest-American

Who is here on some private business,

and talks of going west again with his wife who is waiting for him in San Francisco.

DR HALL,
Is seen occasionally.

CAPT BAZZELGATE
Is seen occasionally.

MR TREASURER FRANKS
Is toddling about apparently not so top-heavy since he lost the 'hon' to his name.

MR J H BROWN
Looking out for some opening.

MR HOLTY,
Late of the Vancouver Times, is in with his father (the veteran journalist Thor Littleton Holt) in the same line, and is as hearty as ever.

MR D S LEVY,
That most Christian of all of the children of Israel, is here. He has five or six stores rented in the Lowther Arcade, and lets the world wag without much care.

CAPT TORRENS
Is around the Foreign Office and has 'great expectations.' The gallant captain by this time has learned the fallacy of putting faith in Downing street princes. Lo! who cometh here that boightly 'eloquent' Milesian.

"CAETING" LODGE,
Who damns the country and everybody connected with it; but the country I suppose does not intend putting on its slippers just yet, so let the caping rave. The western world goes on without him, but is the same true of the coal company which he was to get up (if he recollects rightly) and which he did not (if the shareholders speak truly). By the way, what a scaly old lot of 'Captains' you used to have out there. I beg the last gentleman's humble pardon if association brings up before me the names of a figure once known at Keenan's, to wit, 'Jobby Glover, ex-lieut-colonel in the 3rd Dragoon Guards. He was arrested some time ago for begging and vagrancy, was taken in hand by a charitable gentleman who tried to reform him but failed, broke through all restraint and four days ago was again caught imploring aid from passers by and will undoubtedly go to the chawing. What a sad mental and physical wreck drink has made of this once splendid fellow. But I must pull up, for though I know there is at present rather more than a dearth of items out your way, yet perhaps Miss Verbose's letter has given you a plethora of subjects for moralizing. There are many constellations flickering before my eyes, all of which have not as yet reached, we hope, their meridian altitude, but 'we will not stop to enquire,' as the old pamphleteers used to say when they were afraid of the libel act. It sometimes doesn't do to enquire into the antecedents of all your old friends out there, or who have been there. It destroys one's self-respect, not to say respect for one's acquaintances.

CONCERNING SKELETONS IN CLOSETS.

There is, as dear old Thackeray used to say, 'a skeleton in every closet.' It strikes me there was quite an osteological collection—a perfect anatomical museum—out in Vancouver Island, a collection of closet skeletons which Mr Traddles would have to cover many dictionaries with before drawing them all, even under the misery of Squeers licking master. Now don't get melancholy over you, my dear Mr editor, don't go out of the COLONIST building, and as you loaf down to the Colonial to pick up an item, think as the acquaintances of years hospitably invites you to 'take a drink,' don't pray 'as you smile' think has this man a skeleton in any closet in old England? I have given you a heterogeneous budget of Victorians. They are all, however homo geneous and wish to be back again and thinking after all there is no place like the west. Somebody or other used to think that a well constituted convict should, on the theory of love of association, feel a sort of regret on leaving Van Dieman's Land, but whether the feeling is of this sort or not, everybody is heartily sick of England and wishes he were out here again. This is hope for you, Mr Editor. There's a good time coming. Hang all your politicians (excuse me) work a little more and talk a little less, and there is a hope that some day people will know a little more about your right pleasant country. Unfortunately, just at present, notwithstanding the schoolmaster being abroad, young men educated in the great Universities of Oxford, Cambridge, Edinburgh or Dublin, will still occasionally, when they wish to be very affable at evening shooting out thaw? The ignorance regarding the colony is yet, notwithstanding such brilliant lights as Alphonse McDonald, McFie and Barret Leonard, so thick that it may be felt (as you know) on 'Change. You will pardon the 'Dutch Patient' style of talk I indulge in, but really from the exalted stage of 'our own' correspondentship, I am very apt to talk gally, and feel inclined, as poor old Foote the actor did when personifying George the Fourth (most Christian of Guelphic Princes), to waver my hand gracefully to your readers in the newspaper pit and breathe out my Jacobite—God bless my people—God bless you!

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3rd.—THE NAYY PLATE of \$10, added to a sweepstake of \$3 each, 1 forfeit; to be ridden by Naval officers; 12 stone; about 1 mile. Winners the same as in the first race.
4th.—THE HURDLE RACE, Stakes of \$5 each, with \$75 added. Winners of \$50, 7 lb; twice or more, 12 lb extra. About 2 miles, over 8 flights of hurdles. Gentlemen riders.
5th.—THE PONY RACE of \$2 each, with \$25 added, for Ponies under 14 hands; 9 stone; about 1 mile.
6th.—THE SURREY STAKES of \$1, with 20 added. Catch weights. Entrances to be made on the Course; all winners excluded. 12 1/2 miles, 10 flights of hurdles. Winners, to be considered winners on the Island. All horses to be ridden in colors.

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P. H. CLARKE,
my 6 Managing Committee.

New Advertisements.

NOTICE

Being about to leave the Colony for Europe, all Claims against me or my Firm must be presented to me for payment without further delay.

F. WEISSBURGER,
my 51 m 86 Government street.

NOTICE.
DURING MY TEMPORARY ABSENCE from the Colony, Mr Thomas Holmes Long holds my Power of Attorney, and is authorized to transact all business in my name.
DAVID WILLIAMS HIGGINS, my 6
Victoria, V. I., May 6, 1868.

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Will sail from the Hudson Bay Company's Wharf for the above port on WEDNESDAY MORNING, May 6th, at 10 o'clock, precisely.
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NOTICE.

ALL CLAIMS AGAINST MR ARTHUR A. BUNSTER, of Johnson street, Victoria, B. C., Brewer, are requested to be sent in to my Office, Manion Buildings, Government street, Victoria, on or before 4 o'clock p. m., of Tuesday, the 5th of May, instant.
A meeting of Mr Bunster's creditors will be held at my office, as above, on Wednesday next, the 6th of May, instant, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon.
Dated this 2nd day of May, 1868.
GEORGE PEARCKES, my 6
Solicitor.

In the Court of Bankruptcy, Vancouver Island.

In the matter of CHARLES BERRY BROWN, a Bankrupt.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the above-named Bankrupt having passed his last examination, will by leave of the Court, make application for his discharge on Wednesday, the 13th day of May, instant.
W. S. SEBRIGHT GREEN, my 4
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The great new comedy, in 3 acts, of
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A NUMBER OF FINE
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NOTICE

PERSONS INDEBTED TO EUGENE Thomas are requested to settle their accounts on or before the 1st June next. All bills unpaid to that date will be then placed in a Solicitor's hand for collection.
EUGENE THOMAS, my 2
Yates street

Victoria Literary Institute.

HOLIDAY TRIP
ON THE
QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY
THE COMMITTEE OF THE INSTITUTE have engaged the Steamer Enterprise with the view of affording an opportunity of visiting the

Auction Sales To-day.
J. A. McCREA, Wharf street, will sell, at 11 o'clock, Greecies; also Engravings; also Furniture.

ROYAL GEOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY.—At the ordinary meeting of the society on Monday last a paper was read on "The geography and mountain passes of British Columbia with reference to an Overland Route," by Mr. A. Waddington, a gentleman who has devoted many years in exploring, personally or by his agents, the different valleys and passes, in order to ascertain which is the most practicable for a wagon road and rail road from the Pacific across the Rocky Mountains. In explaining the nature of the country, the author says that the two mountain ranges—the Cascade, or coast range, having an average width of 110 miles, and the Rocky Mountains a width of 150 miles—nearly meet on the southern frontier of the colony, but diverge farther north, and leaves a fertile, central plain 120 miles wide. In the southern part of the country all attempts to discover practicable passes had been in vain, and no through route was possible by way of the mouth of the Fraser river. He had examined the various long inlets or fiords to the northward, and found Bute Inlet to be by far the most suitable as the Pacific terminus of the future overland road. He has discovered a river flowing into the head of the Inlet, and had planned a dry road through the narrow valley thus formed through the whole width of the coast range. The road that he had projected ran north-easterly across the plain, and struck the Upper Fraser opposite the mouth of the Quennele River. The Fraser is here a navigable stream, and affords a route to the Yellow Head Pass of the Rocky Mountains, which leads to the rich level country on the eastern side of the range, extending towards the Red River Settlement. The Yellow Head Pass is, according to Dr. Rae, 3,760 ft. above the sea level; the central plain is 2,560 ft. in its southern part, and the Bute Inlet trail runs across it between 51 deg. and 53 deg. N. lat.; the pasture is excellent, and the cereals (including wheat) can be grown. Mr. Waddington stated that the Canadian Government had already begun to construct the eastern end of the overland wagon road between Lake Superior and Red River, but that no arrangement had yet been entered into with regard to the other sections, and he urged the importance of the undertaking on political and commercial grounds. The president, Sir Roderick Murchison, bore testimony to the great geographical value of the map constructed by Mr. Waddington, on which all his various explorations west of the Rocky Mountains were recorded. Capt. G. H. Richards, R.N. Dr. Chas. E. Dallas (late governor of the Hudson Bay Company's territory), Dr. Rae, Mr. Frederick Whymer and others, took part in the discussion which followed.—London Times.

AWFUL TRAGEDY.—On Tuesday evening a brutal murder was committed on the English bark Mariner, Port Blakely, on the Sound. A man named Smith shipped on board at San Francisco as pilot and stevedore, and during the trip had several quarrels with Butler, the first mate, who did not consider him a safe pilot. About 3 o'clock on Tuesday afternoon ill words passed between them again; and in the evening, as Butler was leaning over the bows, Smith came up behind and struck him with a handspike on the head, and again after he had fallen from the blow. On being taken up the mate was dead. Smith, whose real name proves to be Page, has been committed for murder.

QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY.—In another column will be found the advertisement of races to be held on the approaching anniversary. It has been wisely concluded to postpone the Regatta until 4th of July, on which holiday of course amusement will be required. The weather then will be better suited to aquatics, and the course too hard for racing. If it were necessary to postpone one or the other, let it be the Regatta. The names of the managing committee Lieut. A. T. Brookes, Mr. W. T. Drake, and Capt. P. H. Clarke are sufficient to guarantee a good day's sport.

CELESTIAL WILF.—This notorious felon arrived in San Francisco by a late steamer from the East. Welsh was recently concerned in the murderous designs of Mackay and others upon the police in Cork, but made his escape from Ireland. In San Francisco he was serenaded by a number of people imbued with similar principles, on which occasion he made a speech of the most violent character. He also inquired particularly about the strength of the navy here, seeming astonished to find the ironclad Zealous was with us.

ADMIRAL HASTINGS received by last mail instructions to purchase a plot of ground near Esquimalt for the purposes of a cemetery for deceased officers and seamen belonging to the Fleet. A commanding site has been chosen and will soon be duly consecrated by the Bishop of Columbia.

DISTINGUISHED VISITOR.—His Excellency Governor Moore, of Washington Territory, is in town, and called upon the Admiral yesterday afternoon. The Governor, it is stated, is on an official tour of inspection of the upper part of the Territory under his charge.

HORSE SHOT.—Some miscreant in human shape shot a fine horse belonging to Mr. Ash of Goldstream on Monday night or Tuesday morning on the Burnside Road. It is to be hoped the wretch will be found out and justly punished.

DELIGHTFUL SHOWERS have recently fallen all along the Sound, refreshing the earth and doing great good to gardens, orchards and farms. Our own neighborhood equally requires rain at present.

The steamer Enterprise left her wharf for New Westminster at the usual hour, taking about 40 tons of freight and 30 or 40 passengers for the upper country.

The U. S. Revenue Cutter Wyanda, from San Francisco, bound for Alaska, arrived at Port Townsend on Monday, and will come here to-day.

The steamer Active left yesterday morn for Nanaimo to take in 300 tons of coal, and will sail for Portland on Thursday or Friday morning.

The steamer Sir James Douglas left for Nanaimo with a general cargo, and a few passengers.

The steamer Anderson arrived from the Sound yesterday morn with a large number of passengers and considerable freight.

Three men arrested near Port Townsend on a charge of smuggling, broke jail and are now at large.

COUNTY COURT.—The case of the Rev Mr. Somerville vs Trustees of the Presbyterian Church was again postponed until 26th inst.

BOARD OF EDUCATION.—A meeting of this body will be held at Dr. Powell's office at noon to-day.

A large number of fruit trees were killed in Oregon by frost during the late severe winter.

It costs \$25,000 monthly to carry on the schools in San Francisco.

The George S. Wright sails at 10 this morning for Portland.

Legislative Council.

TUESDAY, April 28th.

Council met at 1 p. m. Present.—Hons DeCosmos, Crease, Spalding, Ker, Cox, Hamley, O'Reilly, Wood, Helmecken, Ball, Robson, Trutch, Elwyn, Young, (presiding.) Message No. 15.—His Excellency the Governor received the resolution of the Legislative Council of 2nd April, expressing the opinion that Victoria is the place most suitable for the Capital of the United Colony, Her Majesty's Government would seem to have the same opinion. Under these circumstances, the Governor will cause to be proclaimed on the Queen's Birthday, the election of the Capital within the Town which bears her royal name.

Message No. 17.—The Governor duly received the resolution of the Legislative Council, agreeing that an address be presented to him, praying that he will inform the Council, of the reply of Her Majesty's Government to a message passed April 2nd, 1867, recommending that the salary of the Governor be paid from Imperial funds, and that the Executive have power to simplify, centralize, and reduce the departmental system, so as to lessen the public expenditure, to such a figure as the Colony is able to bear.

As regards the first point, he would state, that he believes the condition of the finances of the Colony generally, as engaging the attention of the Secretary of State.

As regards the second he has to remark, that very considerable powers for effecting retrenchment are conferred to the Governor. He is loath, however, at all times, to deceive legitimate expectations, and to reduce, without absolute necessity, respectable public officers to poverty.

Message No. 18.—The Governor has received the resolution of the Council respecting the Dry Dock, etc.

Very lengthy correspondence has passed on the subject between His Grace the Secretary of State, Rear Admiral the Hon. G. Hastings, and the Governor, but it would not be convenient to the public service to lay it before the Council.

Every effort is being made to carry into effect a work of such great importance as that in question.

Message No. 19.—Respecting the disposal of Crown Lands.

No decision has been received.

It is but right to inform the Council that the Land Bill was accidentally somewhat later in transmission than some of the others.

Hon Helmecken gave notice of motion respecting the Civil List.

Hon Helmecken thought the Supply Bill for \$358,923 should be brought up in Committee of Ways and Means, as such matters usually are.

Hon DeCosmos concurred with his hon colleague, as in all such cases, a committee of Ways and Means was the usage.

Hon Crease—Such a proceeding would not be parliamentary, and there was no necessity for it in the present case.

Hon Helmecken—The Hon Attorney General says it is not parliamentary, consequently not necessary. He could assure that hon member, that it was in accordance with parliamentary usage, and under any circumstances the people had a right to see to the disposal of the public money.

Hon Helmecken's motion was lost, and the bill read a first time. Second reading to-morrow.

SUPREME COURTS BILL.

Hon Spalding in the chair.

Mr. Young thought some provision should be inserted in the bill, so that Supreme Court Judges should preside in County Courts. It was better that Police Magistrates should only preside in the absence or in the event of any other cause to prevent his attendance.

Hon DeCosmos thought a clause might be inserted in the Bill to meet this requirement; the public business would be expedited by that means.

It was ultimately decided, by a vote of the House, to bring in a short bill embodying this provision this session.

A long and unimportant discussion followed on a proper mode of disposing of the fees of Court, which resulted in an amendment making the fees payable into the treasury for the use of Her Majesty.

Supreme Courts Declaratory Act read third time and passed.

INTESTATE ESTATE ORDINANCE.

The House went into Committee of the Whole on this bill, hon Ball in the chair.

After some discussion the bill was reported complete with amendments.

It was then read a third time and passed.

The third reading of the Barristers Bill was deferred till to-morrow.

Hon Helmecken moved that the following Returns be asked for, viz: "The arrears of Expenditure outstanding, and unpaid at the close of the year 1847, and the indebtedness of the colony. The motion was carried.

Hon DeCosmos deferred his motion recommending an address to Her Majesty suggesting that the present was the time for the Union of the Colony with Canada.

The House then went into Committee on the Petition of Thomas Spence.

Hon Robson moved that an address be sent to the Governor praying that the prayer of the petition be granted.

Hon Ball supported the petition, the circumstances of the case calling for some mode of allowing the petitioner to reimburse himself for severe losses incurred in erecting this public convenience.

Hon Young looked at the matter at first as an attempt to impose on the public a tax for 2½ years. But since he had heard the statements of the hon Magistrate for New Westminster, that no foresight of the petitioner could have anticipated the conse-

quences of the freshet which carried away the first bridge, he thought the prayer of the petition reasonable. Recommendation carried.

Fire Inquest Ordinance read a third time and passed.

The Council then adjourned till one o'clock to-morrow.

WEDNESDAY, April 29th.

Council met at 1 p. m. Present.—Hons Spalding, Smith, Helmecken, DeCosmos, Hamley, Elwyn, Cox, Ker, Young (presiding.)

Hon DeCosmos moved that His Excellency the Governor be respectfully requested to cause to be introduced into the Council an Ordinance making at least two thirds of the Council elective.

That the Council in making this request, are impressed with the connection that at this juncture of the affairs of the colony, it is expedient to alter the Constitution of the Council, in order to meet the generally expressed wishes of the inhabitants of the colony. He did not think it necessary by a speech to traverse the ground, he had fully gone over before; he would therefore move the adoption of the resolution.

Hon Helmecken in seconding the resolution of his hon colleague, begged to say that he had no objections to the hon Magistrate who formed a most valuable member of the present Council, but he did think that the popular members should be twice the number of the Government appointees.

Hon Elwyn believed that by increasing the members of the hands of the government would be strengthened. He should support the motion. He was not surprised seeing the miserable minority, in which elective members very often stood, that they should think some influence was brought to bear on official members.

The vote was then taken, when it stood as follows:

Ayes—Hons DeCosmos, Elwyn, Helmecken, Smith.

Noes—Hons Cox, Hamley, Ker, Spalding.

The Council being equally divided the President gave the casting vote in favor of the resolution, and it was carried accordingly.

Hon Helmecken's motion to introduce a Bill to amend the Civil List, was lost.

The Supply Bill was read a second time.

Supreme Court Bill read a third time and passed.

Barriester's Bill was read a third time and passed.

PATENT SLIP BILL.

Hon DeCosmos in moving the second reading of this bill would call the attention of hon members to the careful manner in which it was drawn by which the people were secure from any possibility of jobbery.

If such a slip had been erected years ago, a large shipbuilding interest would have been created. He as a property holder would be content to lose a thousand dollars for a year or two in order that such an important interest should be built up at Victoria.

It could alone affect property holders, they were the people who would have to pay the taxes, and he should propose that the question of carrying the Ordinance into operation should be decided by a majority of property holders.

Enfranchise Bill read a second time.

Supply Bill in Committee, hon Ker in the chair.

The clauses being passed the Committee rose and reported the bill complete.

Hon Helmecken would ask the House what was to be done with the school teachers of Vancouver Island; the arrears amounted to \$8,000 instead of \$3,000 as had been stated by some hon members. The teachers were ready to meet the views of the Government in any way and would accept land for half the amount if required.

The Supply Bill was read a third time and passed.

Hon Smith gave notice of motion respecting tolls on flour manufactured from grain grown in the Colony.

The Council then adjourned till 8 o'clock this evening.

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1 qr csk do
9 cs Claret
7 cs Liquors, Assorted
4 cs Jaques' Champagne
9 baskets Claret do
1 qr csk J. D. K. Z. Gin
25 cs Orange Bitters, S. B. & Co.

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Her Majesty's Birthday

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2nd—Queen's Plate, value \$50 or upwards; with \$5 entrance added; open to all horses not over 13½ hands high on the Island. Catch weight. Mile heats.

3rd—Purse of \$100, open to all Horses, with \$25 entrance added; if sufficient funds will admit the race. Full particulars hereafter.

4th—Pony Race for a Purse of \$25, with \$25 entrance added; open to all horses not over 13½ hands high on the Island. Catch weight. Mile heats.

5th—Cool Handicap for a Purse, to be named at the time of entry upon the Course.

All Horses to be ridden in Colors.

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